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## You're Invited to the Museum of OZ



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**October 1 - November 4**

### Saturdays in OZ

**Every Saturday  
in October**

### GRWL AT THE MOON

**October 27**



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Holiday Table Trimmings



Polar Express 4-D Experience





## NOTES FROM OUR DIRECTOR, WILLIAM CALLOWAY

# THE VALUE OF A MUSEUM MEMBER

The State Museum hosted over 160,000 visitors to our facility from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. In excess of 68,000 of those visitors were school children, teachers, and chaperones. The other visitors consisted of families, companies, motor coach tours, and our members. Our members, the Friends of the Museum, generated over 15,000 visits or about 17% of our non-school attendance. Of all of those differing groups that visit the museum, none are more valued to us than you – our members!

As members of the museum you participate in our programs, come to our new exhibits, see our shows and through your membership fees help support numerous activities that enhance the museum's offerings. You also do an outstanding job of informing us of issues and opportunities at the museum and supporting us in the community.

Since we opened the "Windows to New Worlds" project in August 2014, the State Museum has grown our membership base from 3049 to 4005 households. Each membership averages about 5 visits a year to the museum. With your membership, you are able to take advantage of all of the signature events and programs offered by the museum and enjoy discounted (or free) pricing for theater and planetarium shows. Your membership also provides discounts in the store and the café.

It is the job of the museum staff to solicit and balance input from all our "owner" groups with the mission of the museum to deliver the best possible museum experience to our visitors and guests. With that in mind, I believe we have planned a year of GREAT shows and events that will only enhance the value of your membership.

As you review our calendar of events, you will see some of that new product beginning with our new lineup of shows in the 4D theater – "Happy Feet" and "Great Escapes." We also are planning

our biggest Halloween event ever – "The Museum of Oz". Our 4D theater will be showing a shorter version of the original Hollywood movies with the added 4D effects that you have come to love. Special activities will also take place each and every Saturday as we celebrate, "Saturdays in Oz". This October we will also be presenting our third annual adult themed Halloween party, "Growl at the Moon"

As soon as Halloween is over we move straight into the Christmas season with the opening of "Polar Express" in the 4D theater and "The Star of Bethlehem" in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC planetarium. Other holiday events include Tasting Twosdays in our wonderful gift shop – The Cotton Mill Exchange. As we approach Christmas Day, we will be inviting you to a special night just for members to watch Polar Express with your families. Following Christmas, we will once again host our "Frozen" Sing-a-Long night. Additionally, we will be running winter break camps for school age children who are looking for some educational fun during their holiday break from school.

As you can see there is much happening at the State Museum and there is no better way to experience it than as a member. If you choose to join as a "Family Plus" member you will receive eight tickets to both the 4D theater as well as to the Planetarium as part of that membership.



We value our members and we believe there is value in being a member of the South Carolina State Museum. Thank you for your support and I hope to see you soon at *Your* State Museum!!



# Experience

The State Museum will transform into the *Museum of Oz* on Oct. 1 and will be full of exciting events for the entire family. From the giant 30ft long x 12ft high witches legs (we landed on the Wicked Witch of the East), the winding yellow brick road leading to a magical haunted forest and Munchkin Land, the Rev. Solomon Jackson, Jr. 4D Theater showing *The Wizard of Oz 4-D Experience* and more guests will be whisked away to the wonderful *Land of Oz* all month. Be sure to look out for the jack-o-planetarium returning again this year on our planetarium dome. This October will be filled with Oz magic at the State Museum.

## THE WIZARD OF OZ 4D EXPERIENCE!

Visitors will be swept away in *The Wizard of Oz 4-D Experience* now playing in the Rev. Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. 4D Theater. *The Wizard of Oz 4-D Experience*, features original footage that has been digitally restored and converted to 3-D, making this beloved classic a modern adventure. For the first time ever, guests will be swept away with Dorothy as a powerful tornado swoops through the 4D theater and transports them to the magical *Land of Oz*. Join Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion and even the Wicked Witch as they follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City.

The museum's 4D theater combines the visual drama of a 3-D film with a variety of sensory effects such as water mist, neck air blast, snow, bubbles, leg ticklers, scents, enhanced lighting, and seat vibrations.

*The Wizard of Oz 4-D Experience* was produced by SimEx-Iwerks Entertainment, through a license agreement with Warner Bros. Consumer Products. SimEx-Iwerks is the leading innovator of immersive 3D and 4D attractions and the exclusive distributor of the industry's best-selling film titles. The company supports over 150 family-friendly attractions in more than 30 countries.

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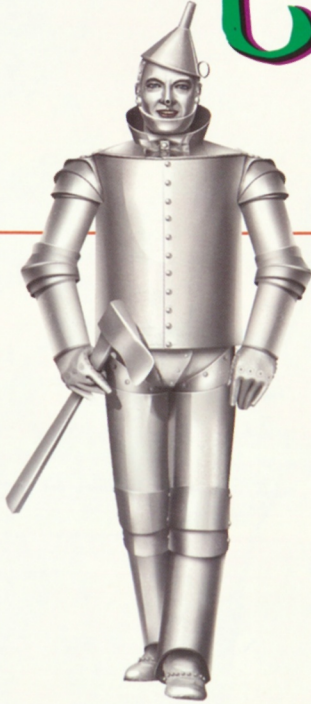


# the Museum of Oz!

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## TIN MAN TRIVIA

2ND SHIFT TWOSDAYS • 6-7 P.M.

Guests can brush up on their Wizard of Oz knowledge with Tin Man Trivia, during Second Shift Twosday, from 6 until 7 p.m. with great prizes. Each Tuesday guests will split up into teams for four rounds of competition.



## MUSEUM GHOST TOURS

2ND SHIFT TWOSDAYS • 6:30 P.M.

Take a stroll with the spirits this October at the South Carolina State Museum! Every Tuesday evening in October, join a storyteller for an hour-long ghoulish and entertaining tour through the museum. You will hear legends, folk stories, and chilling ghost stories from the coast to the mountains, including tales from Columbia, and spine-tingling experiences in our own haunted museum! This as well as a kid friendly ghost tour is included in the price of admission and will start at 6:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the museum.



2nd Shift Twosday general admission is free for members and two for \$10 general public starting at 5 p.m. Extra attractions require and extra fee.

## Saturdays in OZ

### EVERY SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

Every Saturday in October the museum will host a number of family friendly activities from arts and crafts and educational activities to *Wizard of Oz* characters on site throughout the museum all day. *Saturdays in Oz* will kick off, Oct. 1 and end Oct. 29 with the ultimate *Wizard of Oz* party, complete with snacks, games, balloon animals, a costume contest, a scavenger hunt with prizes, games and more. *Saturdays in Oz* is free with general admission. For a detailed list of each day's activities, please visit [scmuseum.org](http://scmuseum.org).

## PLANETARIUM SHOWS

### ALL OCTOBER

#### HALLOSCREAM LASER

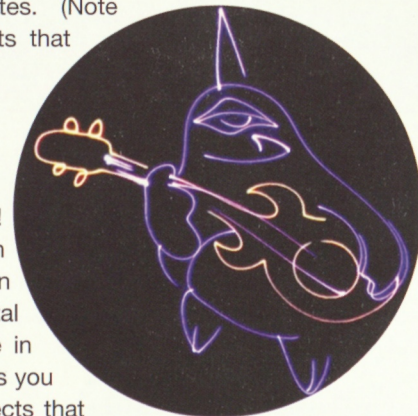
DAILY AT 3 P.M. AND TWOSDAYS AT 7 P.M.

Monsters and ghouls come out to dance on the BlueCross BlueShield Planetarium dome in this fun-filled and family friendly Halloween themed laser show. Featured songs include Thriller, Monster Mash, Purple People Eater, and the original Ghostbusters theme, all interpreted in dazzling laser graphics and abstract images. 30 minutes. (Note that laser shows contain flickering lights that may bother some people.)

#### SPOOKY SKY TOUR

TWOSDAYS AT 6 P.M.

Dragons and witches and ghosts, oh my! See the spooky side of the universe in this Halloween-themed live presentation about the night sky. We'll use our digital system to show you what you can see in the sky after sunset and also some things you can't see. Deep space hosts many objects that have a rather eerie nature: there are ghostly shapes, the twisted and tattered remains of once magnificent structures, and ominous objects best to avoid. Come explore the visible and the invisible and learn about what cosmic companions trick or treaters will have this Halloween!





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GROWL  
AT THE  
MOON  
THURSDAY  
OCT. 27, 2016

- LOCAL FOOD AND CRAFT BEER
- LIVE MUSIC
- LASER SHOW FEATURING PINK FLOYD: DARK SIDE OF THE MOON IN THE PLANETARIUM
- SOUVENIR BEER GROWLER TO TAKE HOME
- **NEW!** THE WIZARD OF OZ 4-D EXPERIENCE™
- **NEW!** PROFESSOR MARVEL'S FORTUNE TELLING ROOM
- **NEW!** MAKE YOUR OWN DIGITAL BLING AT THE BLING BAR
- \$35 GENERAL PUBLIC, \$28 MUSEUM MEMBERS AND \$40 THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

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Visit [scmuseum.org](http://scmuseum.org) for tickets and show schedules.



# Holiday Table Trimmings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Have you ever wanted to host a holiday party with “all the trimmings,” but just didn’t know where to start? Well the State Museum’s “Holiday Table Trimmings” is the perfect event for you to get all your holiday gathering ideas. Hosted by the Charleston Silver Lady, Dawn Corley, guests will get an opportunity to learn how to create the perfect holiday table setting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 7 until 9 p.m.



Corley will give talks on how to make your table the talk of the holiday season. Guests will get to see two special table tops designed by Corley herself with pieces dating back to the 18th century. Corley will also do two live demonstrations of flower arrangements to form two unique centerpieces.

Don't have a vast antique collection? Don't worry, “a combination of old and new pieces can craft the most beautiful table,” says Corley. “If you don’t do anything else, add flowers and candles to your table top. These two things bring a special radiance to an everyday setting and give you and your guests an instant memory of times well spent.”

A native of Charleston, Corley perfected her expertise on silver in antique and silver shops on King Street in downtown Charleston. In those 20 plus years, she has given presentations and lectures to US presidents, foreign heads of state and dignitaries. She can also be regularly seen at the State Museum's Roadshow.

You don't want to miss this one of a kind holiday event only at the State Museum.

Tickets are \$40 for members and \$50 for general public.



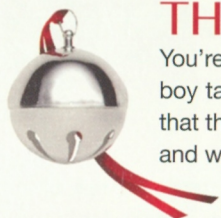


# 'Tis the Season!

The South Carolina State Museum is officially kicking-off the holiday season with great shopping events, holiday shows and movies and family-friendly events taking place throughout the month of December.

## HOLIDAY 4D AND PLANETARIUM SHOWS, NOVEMBER 5 - JANUARY 1

Experience holiday shows and movies like never before in the museum's multisensory 4D theater and immersive planetarium.



### THE POLAR EXPRESS 4D EXPERIENCE

You're invited on an extraordinary 4D adventure this holiday season on *The Polar Express*! When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe. *The Polar Express 4D Experience* is a 15 minute 4D movie and will be showing Nov. 5 through Sunday, Jan. 1 in the Rev. Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. 4D Theater.

### HOLIDAY LASER LIGHT SHOWS

The State Museum is giving a new meaning to "holiday lights" as it presents *Christmas Laser Fantasy: Mannheim Steamroller Christmas* on Twosday nights at 7 p.m. This show offers an exciting and unique way to celebrate the season through a display of colorful and dramatic laser lights choreographed to a mix of holiday music favorites. The show is approximately 40 minutes and will be showing in the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Planetarium.

### STAR OF BETHLEHEM

This full dome planetarium experience travels back in time to Bethlehem to investigate fascinating ideas about the "Christmas Star." The show presents historical and scientific facts to unravel this 2,000-year old mystery through a special audiovisual display featuring popular Christmas carols. *Star of Bethlehem* is a 25 minute show and will be showing in the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Planetarium.



## HOLIDAYS AT THE STATE MUSEUM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Spend your winter break enjoying a variety of family-friendly activities during the museum's holiday celebration. Programs vary each day and include activities such as visits with Santa, performances by the Bright Star Touring Theater and Columbia Marionette Theater, holiday crafts and more.

Visit [scmuseum.org](http://scmuseum.org) for tickets, show times and event schedules.

## SECOND SHIFT TWOSDAY HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND EVENTS

You can shop after-hours this holiday season at the State Museum's store, the Cotton Mill Exchange. The store carries a variety of gifts representing every corner of South Carolina, including jewelry, clothing, throws, tote bags, table linens and glassware. The store is open until 8 p.m. for late shopping during Second Shift Twosdays every Tuesday in November and December.

### TASTING TWOSDAYS

December 6, 13 and 20

For the third year the museum is bringing back a tradition celebrating South Carolina foodways called Tasting Twosdays. Join the museum for the first three Tuesdays in December from 5-8 p.m. for free South Carolina-made food samplings by local companies and enjoy samples of local beer, wine and cider while you shop.





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A FILM BY ROBERT ZEMECKIS

# THE POLAR EXPRESS™

## 4-D EXPERIENCE





# ALL NEW WINTER CAMPS!

The State Museum is excited to offer a new line of Winter Camps from December 19 - 23 and December 26- 30. These winter themed day long camps will include Astronomy Day, Polar Express Day, History Day, STEM day, and Art day. There will be something fun for all ages 6-8, 9-11 and 12-14. All camps begin at 9 a.m.

## DAILY ACTIVITIES

### MONDAY ASTRONOMY DAY

Campers will learn about the night sky in a special Seasonal SkyTour focusing on constellations and planets that are visible in the winter sky. They will also create their own glow-in-the-dark constellation pillows so they can study at night.

### TUESDAY HISTORY & NATURAL HISTORY DAY

The history of Christmas in Colonial times will be celebrated with traditional wreath making. Campers also learn about Natural History and how penguins stay warm in their freezing cold habitats.

### WEDNESDAY STEAM DAY

This day will be “super cool” with our sub-zero science activities that include freezing marshmallows in liquid nitrogen and learning all about states of matter. Campers will also learn about circuits when they create their own light up antlers to wear.

### THURSDAY ART DAY

Campers will be creating their own silhouette cut outs inspired by Clay Rice. They will also be putting their engineering design skills to the test as they create 3D pop-up cards with light-up circuits!

### FRIDAY POLAR EXPRESS DAY

All aboard for an awesome day of Polar Express fun! Campers will experiment with a variety of super absorbent polymers to create their own “instant snow.” After heading to the 4D theater they will celebrate the holidays with s’mores and hot chocolate!

Pick up for kids will be between 2:30 and 3 p.m. with extended day option from 3-5 p.m.



### COST

#### MEMBERS:

Daily: \$40 per child per day

Weekly: \$160 per child per week

Extended Day: \$10 per child per day or \$40 per week

#### PUBLIC:

Daily: \$50 per child per day

Weekly: \$200 per child per week

Extended: \$15 per child per day or \$50 per child per week.





Disney  
**FROZEN**  
**Sing-A-Long**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Join us for a magical evening to spark young guests' imagination from 6-9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28. During the event, guests will watch a special Sing-A-Long version of Disney's "Frozen," meet and greet with their favorite "Frozen" characters and enjoy crafts and activities. There will be light snacks and refreshments. "Frozen" costumes are highly encouraged. "Frozen Sing-A-Long" tickets are \$18 per person and \$15 for museum members. Space is limited, advance ticket purchase is recommended by visiting [scmuseum.org](http://scmuseum.org) or by calling (803) 898-4999. Tickets will go on sale Oct. 1.





ALL SCSM MEMBERS ARE INVITED OUR ANNUAL  
**POLAR EXPRESS MEMBER PARTY!**

**DECEMBER 23 ❄ 6-9 PM**

Watch the Polar Express: 4D Experience

Enjoy free snacks, cookies and hot chocolate

Explore sub-zero science with shrinking balloons, astronaut marshmallows,  
and other cool activities

Visit with Santa

Shop in the Cotton Mill Exchange and save 20% off all purchases

Wear your PJs

Bring a buddy for \$5

All members will need to "Save Their Seat." Reservations will open on November 15.





# MAKE PLANS NOW!

## 2017 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Less than one year from now, on Monday, Aug. 21, Columbia, S.C. will be one of the best places to witness the Solar Eclipse of 2017. A large portion of the United States will be able see a partial eclipse, but Columbia will be one of only a handful of cities to see the amazing spectacle of a total solar eclipse.

As 2017 Solar Eclipse Headquarters for South Carolina, the State Museum is already hard at work planning exciting events, programs, solar and night-sky viewing and more. We hope to provide opportunities that will make the 2017 Solar Eclipse a great experience for South Carolinians and visitors from all over the world!

Next year, the State Museum will be hosting a fun-filled weekend, from Aug. 19 - 21, of solar eclipse related events.

#### ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

- The Robert B. Airlie Collection of Astronomy/Telescope Gallery tours
- Special BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Planetarium shows
- Evening observing opportunities in the Boeing Observatory
- The Boeing Observatory will be open during the day on Aug. 19-20, as well as before and after the Solar Eclipse on Aug. 21
- On Mon, Aug. 21 Solar Eclipse viewing will be available in designated areas outside of the State Museum

PLEASE NOTE: the Boeing Observatory and terrace will not be open during the Solar Eclipse, as the eclipse will be visible to the naked-eye. The museum will be offering solar viewing glasses so guests may view the eclipse safely in the designated viewing areas outside of the museum

#### SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Solar Eclipse Soiree, Saturday Aug. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Solar Eclipse Totality Party, Monday, Aug. 21 from 12 to 4 p.m.

### SO, WHAT EXACTLY IS A SOLAR ECLIPSE?

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, causing the moon to temporarily cast its shadow on Earth. Total solar eclipses are only visible to those located in the path of the moon's shadow as it crosses the Earth. Columbia is located close to the center of this path of totality, which is less than 100 miles wide. A total solar eclipse has not been visible from the United States since 1979, and the path of the 2017 eclipse traverses the entire continental US. This has some astronomy fans referring to this event as the "Great American Eclipse."





# CALENDAR OF EV



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## SATURDAYS IN OZ

**Saturday, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**

Kick off the Halloween season in the *LAND OF OZ*.™ Enjoy family friendly *Wizard of Oz* themed crafts and games. Get your photo taken with your favorite *Wizard of Oz* character and win prizes with scavenger hunts throughout the day. Don't forget to catch *The Wizard of Oz 4-D Experience* now playing in the 4D theater!

## TIN MAN TRIVIA TWOSDAYS

**Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25**

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## FRIENDS OF FINN

**Tuesday, Oct. 18**

See page 18 for details.

## BLUEGRASS NIGHT AT 2ND SHIFT TWOSDAY

**Oct. 25 • Nov. 29 • Dec. 20**

The public is invited to bring their own acoustic instruments and jam out with members of the South Carolina Bluegrass and Traditional Music Association. These music nights are included with museum membership or general admission. General admission is two for \$10 during Second Shift Twosdays.

## GROWL AT THE MOON

**Thursday, Oct. 27 • 7 - 10 p.m.**

Our annual Halloween extravaganza, *Growl at the Moon* will feature local food, live music, craft beer, Laser Floyd featuring Dark Side of the Moon inside of our Jack-o-Tarium (Planetarium) and Professor Marvel's Fortune Telling Room. Your all-inclusive ticket this year will also include the featured October 4-D presentation of *The Wizard of Oz 4D Experience*.™ And, as always, an unfilled, souvenir growler to take home. Good Witch or Bad Witch? Oz costumes suggested! Flying monkeys unite! Details on page 6.

## POLAR EXPRESS 4-D EXPERIENCE

**Opens Saturday, Nov. 5**

Details on page 8.

## HOLIDAY TABLE TRIMMINGS

**Tuesday, Nov. 15 • 7 - 9 p.m.**

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## WINTER BREAK CAMPS

**Monday, Dec. 19-23 and 26-30**

See page 10 for details.



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## POLAR EXPRESS MEMBER PARTY

**Friday, Dec. 23 • 6 - 9 p.m.**

All members are invited to hop on the *Polar Express* for a special members only *Polar Express Party* on Friday, Dec. 23 from 6 until 9 p.m.! Watch *The Polar Express 4-D Experience*, visit with Santa and enjoy free snacks, cookies and hot chocolate. Don't forget to wear your pjs and bring a buddy for \$5. Also, be sure to shop the Cotton Mill Exchange and save 20% OFF all purchases, explore sub-zero science with shrinking balloons, astronaut marshmallows and other cool activities. All members need to save their seats! Reservations open on Nov. 15. More details on page 12.

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## PLANETARIUM SHOWS AND 4D MOVIES

**Rev. Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. 4D Theater**

*Happy Feet 4-D Experience* • Daily

*Great Escapes: Life in 4-D* • Daily

*The Wizard of Oz 4-D Experience* • Oct. 1 - Nov. 4

*Polar Express 4-D Experience* • Nov. 5 - Jan. 1

**BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Planetarium**

*From Earth to the Universe* • Daily

*Earth, Moon and Sun* • Daily

*Two Small Pieces of Glass and Sky Tour* • Daily

*Live Sky Tour* • Daily

**Halloween Planetarium Shows** • Oct. 1 - Nov. 4

*Haloscream Laser Lights*

*Spooky Sky Tour*

*Pink Floyd: Darkside of the Moon*

**Holiday Planetarium Shows** • Nov. 5 - Jan. 1

*Star of Bethlehem*

*Laser Holidays*

*Christmas Laser Fantasy: Manheim Steamroller Christmas*

## BOEING OBSERVATORY

**SOLAR VIEWING** • Every Day • Weather permitting.

**NIGHT SKY VIEWING** • Every Tuesday til 10 p.m. (8 p.m. starting Nov. 8.) Weather permitting.

The museum opens late for a second shift so guests can tour the galleries, enjoy night sky viewing in the observatory and see a planetarium show or a 4D movie and shop the Cotton Mill Exchange.



## 2ND SHIFT TWOSDAYS • 6 - 10 p.m. (8 p.m. starting Nov. 8)

The State Museum is open late every Tuesday for Second Shift Twosdays. Guests can explore the evening sky in the observatory, catch *Happy Feet 4-D Experience* in the 4D theater, and experience some of your favorite tunes choreographed set to a spectacular laser show in the planetarium. General admission is two for \$10 starting at 5 p.m.

## MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS TOURS

**Every Saturday • 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Free with museum membership or general admission.

## CURRENT EXHIBITS NOW OPEN

**APP4THAT** • Discover how years of innovative technologies like the iPhone have replaced the items we once couldn't live without. Fourth floor.

**SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE GREAT WAR** • Experience one of the world's most devastating wars and how it impacted life in South Carolina. Fourth floor.

**ART: A COLLECTION OF COLLECTIONS** • Discover South Carolina art and artists through a collection of pieces dating back to the 1590s to the present. First floor.

**MADAME MAGAR: TEXTILE ARTIST & MILLINER** • See Low Country artist Leigh Magar's Palmetto Flag Quilt on display for the first time ever as well as handmade hats created from her time in New York City and her store in Charleston. Second floor.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Museum Road Show Winter Edition**  
Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 • 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

VISIT [SCMUSEUM.ORG](http://SCMUSEUM.ORG) FOR FULL SCHEDULE AND TICKETS.





## RECENT ACQUISITIONS

### EXPANDING SOUTH CAROLINA'S COLLECTION

The State Museum's collection contains objects that help tell the many amazing stories of our state. While we have approximately 100,000 objects, we continue to collect artifacts and specimens and fill gaps to continue to tell our stories, and represent the important items that make this information tangible. The Art Department is the smallest collection by number, and has many sub-collections as illustrated in the current exhibit *ART: A Collections of Collections*. One of the areas of focus in the art collection is our state's rich history of decorative arts, which includes various forms of pottery that has been produced statewide. Pottery is rooted in our state's history and visual culture through various communities utilizing the natural resources that exist locally like kaolin and other clays to make the pots, as well as pine to fire the pottery kilns.

"When I arrived at the S.C. State Museum, it was very apparent that we held a very significant collection of pottery from the Old Edgefield District, a craft that started with the Landrum family in 1809, and was the first area of production for alkaline glazed stoneware outside of Asia. Much of this collection was gifted to the museum by the Gignilliat family in 1993," said Paul Matheny, director of collections at the State Museum. "This included some fascinating pieces, but there was still little representation of other potteries from across South Carolina, which has become one of our primary areas of focus in recent years."

The past year has proven to be a significant year for the museum to grow its pottery collection. The museum was able to acquire a number of significant pieces from long time South Carolina pottery collector Gary Thompson's collection at auction and also received two generous gifts focusing on upstate pottery and Catawba Indian Earthenware.

Among some of the earliest collectors of South Carolina pottery were Jane and Ronny Meeks. Their collection focused primarily on upstate pottery, with an emphasis on utilitarian work from Johnson and Johnson Pottery Works (1878-1933). In 2015, Jane Meeks generously donated 49 pieces from this collection plus 3 boxes of sherds, pottery fragments collected from waster piles, from upstate potteries. This collection includes rare forms associated with the Johnson shop, as well as pottery from the Clayton, Henson and Tapp families in the Jug Factory area on the border of Greenville and Spartanburg County.



*Poultry Fountain* c. 1915 and *Churn* c. 1878, stoneware, Johnson and Johnson Pottery Works. Gift of Jane Meeks.





*Turtle Effigy, c. 1985, earthenware, attributed to Reola Harris. Gift of Tom and Kathe Stanley.*

“... Catawba Indian pottery represents an unbroken chain of pottery making that has roots that go back more than 4000 years ...”

“The sherds are important for research, says Matheny. “Many potters, particularly those in the upstate, did not sign their pottery so it can be very difficult to know where some pieces came from,” noted Matheny. “With the sherds we are able to identify makers and shops based on rim and handle forms, and hopefully figure out the piece’s origin.”

Another significant pottery donation was made by Tom and Kathe Stanley from Rock Hill, S.C. Both artists and educators, they have both had their own significant impact on our statewide art community. Tom Stanley, working as the gallery director and currently the chair of the Department of Fine Arts at Winthrop University began developing exhibitions that included the work of the Catawbas, and Kathe brought master potters into her classroom as a visual arts teacher in Rock Hill. During this time they got to know several of the potters and purchased their work, creating a snapshot of Catawba Earthenware produced by master potters from the 1990s-early 2000s. The Stanley’s graciously donated 32 pieces to the museum, which includes a great representation of master potters from this time period. The Catawbas continue to live on their ancestral lands along the banks of the Catawba River and have a long history and a rich culture that continues today.

“Catawba Indian pottery represents an unbroken chain of pottery making that has roots that go back more than 4000 years, and is thought to be the oldest traditional art form in continuous practice east of the Mississippi River,” says Matheny. “Clay is dug near the banks of the Catawba River and pots are constructed using coiling techniques handed down through generations. Pots are then fired in a pit dug into the earth using wood harvested within the local forests.”

With these recent acquisitions the museum is slowly starting to fill its gap of representation among South Carolina pottery. Some of these pieces can now be seen in the Museum’s current exhibit *ART: A Collection of Collections* showing in the Lipscomb Gallery on the first floor of the State Museum.



*Cupid Jug, 2000, earthenware, Earl Robbins. Gift of Tom and Kathe Stanley*





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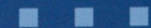
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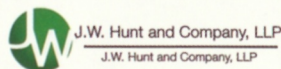
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